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In re Patent Application of:  
Leo Mans et al.

Application No.: 09/554,733

Art Unit: 1764

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Examiner: A. A. Wachtel

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For: SPONGE CLOTH BASED ON CELLULOSE  
AND PRODUCTION THEREOF

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3-9-04***AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116) AND REQUEST  
FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**MS AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003 (Paper No. 17), finally rejecting claims 1-5, Applicant respectfully requests and One Month Extension of Time to extend the period for response to February 1, 2004. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.